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The Assistant to the Director of the Public Affairs Center of the Russian Federation Counterintelligence Service, Alexander Zhdanovich, has announced that his agency has no information about any Baltic mercenary women fighting for Chechnyan military formations. He emphasized that any information from the press to the effect that Baltic women were fighting on behalf of Chechnya had originated either in allegations made by Defense Ministry troops or had been based on testimony of officers of the internal army of the Interior Ministry. "For our part, this agency has issued no information about Baltic mercenaries, and we have no such information", said A. Zhdanovich. According to him, the only prisoner of war to be held in suspicion of spying on behalf of Baltic secret services is one Vladimir Sosnovski, who was captured in Chechnya in the middle of January and whose testimony to the effect that he was acting as an agent of Lithuania's special services is currently under investigation. For their part, Lithuanian officials are claiming that the prisoner's last name is actually Aismin, and that he is of Turkish, not Lithuanian nationality, and that he had been expelled from Lithuania upon conviction for petty crimes.

Zhdanovich did claim that the Russian Federation Counterintelligence Service possesses "operative information" that recent illegal shipments of weapons from Estonia to Russia had been targetted for Chechnya.